उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी. जे. कुरियन): (क) और (ख) पंजाब सरकार ने राज्य में उद्योगों की खासतौर से लघु इकाइयों की स्थापना करने के लिए 10 नये केन्द्रीय बिन्दु स्थापित करने और मौजूदा 4 केन्द्रीय बिन्दुओं का विस्तार करने की एक योजना बनायी है। यह योजना राज्य सरकार/राज्य निगम द्वारा आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान कार्यान्वित की जायेगी।

Raising of equity in Videocon by Toshiba

@1446. KUMARI CHANDRIKA PREMJI KENIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Toshiba of Japan has offered to raise its equity stake to 51 per cent in Videocon VCR and Videocon International;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether the moralities concerning the premium to be offered to the foreign countries interested in raising their equity stake are being worked out by the Controller of Capital Issues; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) No formal proposal has been received in this regard by the Secretariat for Industrial Approvals in the Deptt. of Industrial Development, Ministry of Industry.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The valuation guidelines followed by the Controller of Capital Issues will apply to issue of shares to foreign companies.

Rise in investment limit of small Unit

@@1447. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that investment limit of tiny units has been raised from Rs. 2 lakhs to Rs. 5 lakhs, which may include term loans as well as working Capital, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) whether in view of the raising of investment limit for tiny sector Commercial Banks would be eligible for 100 per cent re-finance from SIDBI to enlarge the flow of assistance for tiny sector for term loans as well as working Capital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) Government under its latest policy measures for promoting and strengthening small, tiny and village enterprises laid in Parliament on 6-8-91 increased the limit for investment in plant and machinery in respect of tiny enterprises from Rs. 2 lakhs to Rs. 5 lakhs, irrespective of the location of the unit. This does not include working capital.

(b) There has been no change in the 100 per cent re-finance policy of SIDBI after the policy measures referred to in part (a) of the question.

Shortage of edible Oils

@@@1448. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is acute shortage of edible oils in the country;

(b) if so, what steps Government are going to take to meet the requirement of edible oils;

@Previously Unstarred Question 336,transferred from the 3rd September, 1991.

@@Previously Unstarred Question 374, transferred from the 3rd September, 1991.

@@@Previously Unstarred Question 810, Transferred from the 6th September, 1991.